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Masculi

Humanoids are found in four sexes: Chelani (intemorphic blondes); Melini (intemorphic brunettes); Femīni (schizomorphic women) and Mascûli (schizomorphic men). Of these, the first three embody the feminine principle.

Attitudes to Mascûli in Aristasia-in-Telluria

It is sometime claimed that Aristasians in Telluria dislike or deny the existence of men. This is founded on a misunderstanding. In Aristasia-in-Elektraspace, an alternative world is being created which is as near as possible to Aristasia Pura where men do not in fact exist, therefore references to them are kept to a minimum and words like bee-oh-why (boy) and em-eh-en (man) are sometimes humorously spelled out. This no more indicates hostility to the Tellurian male sex than a refusal to acknowledge technics in a mediaeval roleplay would indicate hostility to technics.

Terminology among Aristasians in Telluria

The term "man" is heard with relative infrequency among Aristasians in Telluria. More usual terminology is:

Mascûl (Mascûli, Mascûls): This is regarded as the technical or simply-descriptive term. The stress is on the accented vowel.

Gentleman (Gentlemen): This is considered to be the polite way to address or refer to mascûli when in any sense interacting with them, e.g. "A gentleman directed me here" or "I am sorry, sir, gentlemen are not admitted to the Embassy".

Chap (Chaps): This is a more familiar term among some Tellurian Aristasians. One also hears the term "chappy-chap" meaning a homosexual mascûl. This is a partial equivalent to girly-girl.

Attitudes to Mascûli in Aristasia Pura

In Aristasia Pura, mascûli are clearly part of an alien species and are regarded with considerable circumspection because of:

* Their tendency to kill their own kind.

* Their tendency to practice torture in numerous and terrible forms.

These tendencies are observable at every stage of patriarchal cultures from their earliest records to the present day. While Aristasians in Telluria fully recognise that under normal circumstances few mascûli and almost no femīni are responsible for such actions, pure Aristasians cannot but observe these to be continually recurring tendencies of the species that play a major rôle in its history.

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